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SUBJECT: POWER GENERATION

MAJOR US FIRM CONSIDERING MAJOR MARKETING EFFORT IN WEST AFRICA.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN MAKING KEY DECISIONS:

1. WHAT KIND OF GENERATING EQUIPMENT, IF ANY, IS BEING PURCHASED?

2. WHAT SIZE ARE THE SYSTEMS IN EACH COUNTRY?

HOW IS THE GENERATION DIVIDED, (HYDRO, STEAM, NUCLEAR, GAS
TURBINE, DIESEL)?

3. WHAT IS THE FORECASTED ANNUAL LOAD GROWTH BY SYSTEM?

4. WHAT SOURCES OF MONEY DOES EACH COUNTRY RELY ON AND IS
IT AVAILABLE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEET SYSTEM LOAD
GROWTH DEMANDS?

5. WHAT STANDARDS ARE THE SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO?

THAT IS, BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN OR US.

6. WHAT ARE THE TRANSMISSION, SUB-TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
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VOLTAGES IN EACH COUNTRY?

7. WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE INTEGRATED GRIDS AND WHICH ARE MADE UP OF SEPARATED SYSTEMS EACH, PERHAPS, BUILT TO DIFFERENT STANDARDS?

8. WHAT IS THE AVAILABILITY OF FUEL IN EACH COUNTRY? WHAT TYPES BY SPECIFICATION AND WHAT IS THE COST OF EACH?

9. WHO ARE THE CONSULTANTS THAT EACH COUNTRY USES FOR ITS ELECTRICAL GENERATION PROJECTS?

WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER READILY-AVAILABLE INFORMATION POST HAS AND ALSO NAMES OF LOCAL PUBLICATIONS (UTILITY BULLETINS) IN POWER SECTOR. INGERSOLL

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